

# STORY TIME

Read the following story and answer the questions.

Once upon a time, in a lively neighborhood filled with cozy houses and towering trees, lived three spirited friends named Mia, Jack, and Emma. One bright morning, they decided to spend the day playing their favorite games.

Their first choice was hopscotch, drawn on the sidewalk with colorful chalk. Mia, Jack, and Emma took turns hopping from square to square, each determined to outdo the others. Mia insisted on keeping score, adamant that she would be the ultimate hopscotch champion. Jack and Emma, competitive as ever, matched her determination with their own, vying for victory with every hop. Each one wanted to win, to prove themselves the best hopscotch player in the neighborhood.

Their competitive spirits carried over to the next game, hide-and-seek. Jack volunteered to be the seeker, eager to prove his prowess at finding others. Mia and Emma scattered, searching for the perfect hiding spots, determined not to be found easily.

But something unexpected happened. Mia, hiding behind a row of bushes, peeked out to see Emma's shoe sticking out from behind a tree. She immediately hinted to her friend that Jack might see her toe. She remembered the joy of playing with her friends, of laughing and running without a care in the world. And in that moment, she realized that winning wasn't as important as she thought it was.

When Jack finally found them, they burst into laughter, and realized that the true joy of their games lay not in winning, but in the shared experience of laughter, friendship, and fun.



# STORY QUESTIONS

1. What does the word **spirited** mean in the context of the story?

- a) sad      b) energetic      c) boring      d) gloomy

2. What does **prowess** mean as used in the story?

- a) Bravery or skill      b) Fear or hesitation  
c) Laziness or sluggishness      d) Confusion or uncertainty

3. What was the first game the three friends played?

- a) Hide-and-seek      b) Tag      c) Hopscotch      d) Soccer

4. Why did Mia peek out from behind the bushes during hide-and-seek?

- a) She wanted to cheat and win the game.  
b) She saw Emma's shoe sticking out and wanted to help her hide better.  
c) She wanted to scare Jack.  
d) She was tired of playing and wanted to go home.

5. What is the moral of the story?

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6. Make one sentence each with the following words:

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volunteer

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